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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed February 10, 2004,

Applicant elects Group I (Claims 1-6), with traverse.

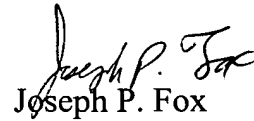
The grounds for traversal are that examination of both groups would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. The claims in the two groups share several features, and a search for one group would probably overlap or encompass a search for the other group. For

these reasons, Applicant requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that all claims be examined on the merits.

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